Orissa Undertaking has submitted an application for the grant of Industrial licence for the establishment of an integrated steel plant in Cuttack district of Orissa.

AIR Station At Calcutta

3123. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the transmitter at Akashvani, Calcutta is the weakest in the country and the programmes relayed or transmitted from Calcutta are not received in most part of West Bengal :

(b) whether the Government propose to replace the transmitter by a powerful transmitter : and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be replaced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Arrangements have been made to upgrade the 50 KW MW and 10 KW SW transmitters (out of six transmitters at present functioning at Calcutta) to 100 KW MW and 50 KW SW respectively. Both these projects are in advanced stages of their execution.

Bhopal Gas Victims

3124. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the welfare organisations working in Bhopal for gas victims have threatened to take stronger measures if the Central Government do not clarify its stand on the Bhopal settlement :

(b) whether the steps taken by the Union Government to redress the grievances of lakhs of gas victims have proved to be inadequate : and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and what fresh measures the Government propose to take to provide adequate attention to the victims of Bhopal gas disaster ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) The Settlement Order dated the 14th and 15th February, 1989 of the Supreme Court directing the Union Carbide Corporation, USA and Union Carbide India Limited to pay a sum of US $ 470 million in full settlement of all the claims is the subject of several review petitions. The Government is supporting the review petitions. The matter is presently subjudice in the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) A number of steps have been taken to assist the victims of the gas leakage :—

(i) An Interim Relief of Rs. 200/- per month is being given with effect from 1-4-1990 to the residents of the 36 severely affected municipal wards of Bhopal.

(ii) Government has approved an Action Plan of Rs. 163.10 crores for rehabilitation of the Bhopal Gas Victims. The expenditure on this Action Plan will be shared between the Central Government and the Govern-

ment of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75 : 25. A sum of Rs. 30.56 crores has been released as share of the Central Government. The plan includes Economic, Social, Environmental and Medical Rehabilitation programmes.

Registration of Industries in Maharashtra

3125. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals from Maharashtra Government regarding registration of new industries pending with the Union Government :

(b) the details of industries registered by the Government in Maharashtra from January, 1990 to June, 1991 :

(c) whether the Government propose to clear the pending proposals at an early date ; and

(d) if so, the time by which such clearance is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) No proposal for registration of new industrial units in Maharashtra is pending at present. As per the new Industrial Policy, the schemes of Delicensing/ Exempted Industries/DGTD registration stand abolished.

(b) The break-up of applications registered under the schemes of Delicensing/Exempted Industries/ DGTD registration during the period from January, 1990 to June, 1991 in the State of Maharashtra is given below :—

No. of Registrations

Year	Delicensing Industries Registration	Exempted Industries Registration	DGTD Registration
1990	162	173	78
1991 (upto June)	81	105	24

Details, such as name of the undertaking, location, item(s) of manufacture and capacity in respect of all registrations issued are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their Monthly Newsletter copies of which are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

CAT Benches

3126. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pending with the various benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Benchwise;

(b) the number of cases pending with the Central Administrative Tribunal, Ministry-wise;

(c) the locations of benches of the Tribunal set up so far;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up more benches of the Tribunal; and

(e) is so, the locations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) statement I showing